



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re U.S. Patent Application of Bishop, et al.)
Appln. No.: 09/652,899)
Filed: August 31, 2000)
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR)
CONDUCTING ELECTRONIC)
TRANSACTIONS)
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SUBMISSION AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A)

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Dear Sir:

This is a submission and request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This submission includes a response to the Final Office Action mailed October 15, 2003 and amendments to the claims. The original period for response was a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date of the Office Action with a response due on or before January 15, 2004. A petition for a three (3) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is being submitted herewith, and a response to the Final Office Action is now due on or before April 15, 2004. Applicants respectfully request the request for continued examination be granted and that the following amendments be entered in the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.